GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4062
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CONTROL ON IMPORT OF FERRO SILICON
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received a demand from domestic ferro silicon industry to control imports of ferro silicon from Ukraine, Iran, Russia and China;

(b) if so the quantities of ferro silicon imported from these countries, separately, during each of the last three years, till date;

(c) whether any investigation has been initiated by the Anti-Dumping authority into alleged dumping of ferro silicon from these countries;

(d) if so, whether the investigations have been completed;

(e) if so, the findings thereof; and

(f) the details of steps being taken to control the dumping of ferro silicon from these countries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) to (f) : Yes, sir. Anti-Dumping investigation has been initiated against import of Ferro Silicon from Russia & China on 5th June, 2000 and against Ukraine on 9.3.2001 under the provisions of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 as amended in 1995 on the basis of fully documented petitions filed by the domestic industry with sufficient evidence of dumping, injury & causal link. Anti-Dumping investigation against imports of Ferro Silicon from Iran could not be initiated since the imports were de-minimis.The Preliminary Findings have been issued recommending imposition of duty on import of Ferro Silicon from Russia & China on 16.11.2000 and the duty has been imposed on 26.12.2000. There is no quantitative restriction on import of Ferro Silicon into the country.The import data of Ferro Silicon is given below :

Quantity (MT)

Country	1997-1998	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000 (Apr.-Oct.)
Russia	2949.8	2514.8	6159.89	1854.96
China	2209	80.29	2675	1362
Iran	142.8	Nil	280	Nil
Ukraine	Nil	20	887.12	1357.85

Source: DGCI &S

The normal time limit allowed for conclusion of the Anti-Dumping proceedings and submission of Final Findings is one year from the date of initiation of investigations.